

of time. Too often at the time of first examination the dark room is not available and the ophthalmoscope is not at hand. With the opportunity once lost, this study is never completed. Let us try to make sure that our records include the fundus observation before we consider a study complete. It is my feeling that the internist who will faithfully make routine fundus observations will learn much about his patients, and will continuously improve his interpretative skill. He will also recognize the need of help from those more skilled than himself where an unfamiliar finding confronts him. To the expert he may well leave the greater refinements of fundus study, such as photography, the use of red-free or yellow-green light, etc., and the careful mapping of visual fields.

In many instances the internist may aim only to recognize departure from the normal fundus picture, which he should faithfully train himself to do, referring all abnormal pictures to his friend, the ophthalmologist, for reading.

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PHILIP CORR, M.D. (Mission Inn Rotunda, Riverside). Here is a paper calling attention to that most important fact, that an examination carefully done is of definite value to the patient. And it suggests that the internist, who as a rule is most detailed in his examination, has not been considering adequately the study of fundus oculi.

Most of us are so habit-bound that our examination must be done in a rather routine way or they are not done. Those of us who do routinely examine the fundus would probably be deterred from making such examinations if we routinely employed a mydriatic. So we choose the "practical," *i. e.*, the inferior (*e. g.*, "practical" nurse) way, and content ourselves with examining the fundus through the undilated pupil.

Even by this curtailed examination we achieve the aim of discovering the simple lesions and of recognizing the abnormal pictures which require expert help from competent oculists.

BY-LAWS OF A COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

NEWLY ADOPTED BY-LAWS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE

The name of this organization is The Los Angeles County Medical Association; a nonprofit corporation.

This Association was formed for, and is devoted to, the promotion and development of the science and art of medicine, the conservation and protection of the public health and the promotion and betterment of the medical profession; it shall cooperate with organizations of like purposes and unite with similar associations and societies of other counties and districts of the State of California to form the California Medical Association.

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1—Qualifications for Membership

All nonsectarian Doctors of Medicine, and those with equivalent degrees, who are licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of California and who have resided in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, for a period of not less than six months immediately preceding application for membership, shall be eligible to apply for membership; provided that eligibility to become and continue a member of the Association shall be determined solely by the Council.

Section 2—Classification of Members

There shall be four classes of members, *viz.*: active members, associate members, retired members, and honorary members, each of which shall have the respective rights and privileges expressly enumerated in the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws, and no others.

* By-Laws as here printed are those of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, which were adopted on October 25, 1937, a total of 1,750 ballots being cast in favor thereof, and 75 against adoption. See also editorial comment on page 361.

(a) Active Members

Any person residing in the County of Los Angeles holding the degree of Doctor of Medicine or an equivalent medical degree, holding an unrevoked certificate entitling him to practice medicine and surgery, issued by the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of California, which certificate is duly recorded in the office of the County Clerk of the County of Los Angeles, who practices nonsectarian medicine and whose ethical and professional qualifications conform to the standards provided in these By-Laws, shall be eligible to apply for election to active membership in this Association. The procedure for the admission of active members is provided in Section 3 of this article.

An active member shall have the right to vote upon all propositions submitted to the membership at large, the right to vote upon the election of trustees, councilors, and officers, the privilege to attend and take part in all meetings of the Association and its branches and sections, as provided in these By-Laws, and shall be eligible to any office or honor within the gift of the Association.

(b) Associate Members

Associate members may be elected by the Council upon the written recommendation of at least ten active members, from those nonsectarian Doctors of Medicine engaged in teaching or research work or holding positions in the Federal Services, or American Red Cross, who are not licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of California.

Associate members shall have all the rights and privileges of active members except the right to vote or hold office. The dues of associate members shall not include the annual California Medical Association assessment and shall be fixed annually by the Board of Trustees.

(c) Retired Members

Any person who has been an active member of this Association for at least ten years next preceding his election to retired membership and who has retired from the active practice of medicine or gives other reasons satisfactory to the Council may, upon his own written application or that of two active members in his behalf, be elected to retired membership by the Council.

Retired members shall not have the right to vote or the right to hold office or any right or title to any property of the Association. They shall receive publications of the Association at such rates as the Board of Trustees may determine and shall be privileged to attend any meetings of the Association or its branches or sections which are open to active members. Retired members shall pay no dues. All members of the Association now classed as honorary members shall, upon the adoption of these amended By-Laws, be classed as and be retired members of the Association.

(d) Honorary Members

The Council, upon two-thirds affirmative vote of the Councilors present, may elect to honorary membership any person who in the judgment of the Council is worthy, provided such nominations for honorary membership shall have been submitted, in writing and signed by at least twenty (20) active members, at two previous meetings of the Council. Honorary members shall not have the right to vote or the right to hold office or any right or title to any property of the Association. Honorary members shall pay no dues.

Section 3—Procedure for Admission of Active Members

(a) Active membership shall be obtained through election by the Council acting upon the regular written application for such membership.

(b) Each application shall be accompanied by such fees as shall be prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

(c) Each application shall be signed in duplicate by the applicant, witnessed by a notary public and endorsed by two members of this Association, and shall be on such forms as are prescribed by the Council. The applicant's signature to such application form shall evidence his acceptance of, and intention to be bound by, the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of this Association and principles of professional conduct, together with all future amendments of such Articles or By-Laws, and principles of pro-

professional conduct which may be duly adopted pursuant to the provisions thereof.

Each application and duplicate shall be filed with the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall forward the duplicate to the office of the California Medical Association.

(d) Each application for active membership shall be referred by the Chairman of the Council to the Committee on Admissions, which shall investigate the qualifications of the applicant and in writing, on a form authorized by the Council for that purpose, shall report to the Chairman of the Council with a recommendation thereon.

(e) The names of all applicants for such membership shall be published in at least two successive issues of the official publication of this Association before being voted upon by the Council.

(f) Election shall be by secret ballot and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Councilors present shall be necessary to elect.

(g) Each application, with the action taken by the Council certified in writing by the Chairman of the Council, shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer, who shall file it in the archives of the Association.

(h) If an applicant is rejected by the Council, all fees paid by him shall be refunded. Such a rejected applicant may not reapply until at least one year shall have elapsed after date of rejection.

Section 4—Membership in Good Standing

(a) Membership shall become effective and a member shall be in good standing, unless otherwise disqualified, upon signing the By-Laws and upon payment of dues.

(b) Membership shall endure for life unless terminated as provided in these By-Laws and in the By-Laws of the California Medical Association.

Section 5—Standards of Qualifications

This Association, acting through the Council, shall be the sole judge of the moral, ethical and professional qualifications requisite for admission to or continuation of any kind of membership in this Association.

Section 6—Transfer From Other County Society

(a) A physician presenting a transfer card from another component county society of the California Medical Association or other constituent state medical unit of the American Medical Association must accompany this transfer card with a regular form of application for membership properly filled out, and the Council shall act upon such application as upon all other applications for membership; provided the Council shall not act upon such transfer until the applicant has resided in Los Angeles County for at least six (6) months.

(b) Subject to the approval of the Council, a physician presenting a transfer card and elected to membership shall receive a credit with respect to annual dues for the current year in an amount equal to such annual dues as have been paid to his previous component county society in the year in which application for membership is accepted.

Section 7—Transfer to Other County Society

A member in good standing against whom no charges are pending, wishing to be transferred to another component county society, upon application in writing to the Council and subject to its approval shall be granted a transfer card without cost, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and By-Laws of the California Medical Association. This card shall state the class of membership, the date on which the member was admitted to membership and the date of issuance of the card, and shall be signed by the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association.

Section 8—(a) Leave of Absence

Leave of absence or remission of dues for a maximum period of twelve months may be granted by the Council by a two-thirds vote to any active member in good standing upon written request, provided such request shows evidence that the member will be out of the confines of the State and will not be engaged in the private practice of medicine or surgery during such period, or gives other reasons adequate in the judgment of the Council.

(b) Officers in Active Service

United States Medical Reserve officers and Red Cross officers who are called to active service, during the period

thereof, upon written application to and approval by the Council, may be retained on the membership roster of the Association without the payment of dues other than assessments payable to the California Medical Association.

Section 9—Termination of Membership

(a) Any member in good standing may resign by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer his written resignation, which may be accepted by the Council only after all indebtedness to the Association has been paid.

(b) Membership shall cease automatically if membership dues, initiation fees or assessments, or any part thereof, remain unpaid after the expiration of the time for payment thereof prescribed pursuant to or by these By-Laws.

(c) Any member whose license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of California is revoked shall, upon receipt of written evidence by the Secretary of the Association from the State Board of Medical Examiners that such revocation has become final, thereupon automatically cease to be a member.

(d) Any member who has been adjudged guilty of a criminal offense involving moral turpitude or who has been duly adjudged guilty of misconduct as a physician or surgeon or of any act in contravention of any of the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, these By-Laws or the principles of professional conduct of this Association or of the principles of medical ethics promulgated from time to time by the California Medical Association or by the American Medical Association shall be subject to admonishment, censure, suspension or expulsion from this Association.

(e) The procedure with respect to disciplinary action such as admonishment, censure, suspension or expulsion of any member shall be that provided in the Constitution or By-Laws of the California Medical Association. All present provisions of the Constitution and the By-Laws of the California Medical Association and all amendments hereafter made thereto relating to disciplinary procedure are hereby adopted and made a part of these By-Laws as though herein set forth in full.

Section 10—Membership and Rights Thereof Not Transferable

Neither membership in this Association, nor any certificate evidencing the same, nor the interest of any member in this Association, or any of the assets thereof, shall (a) be subject to execution, or become or be, an asset of the estate of any deceased member, or of any member who may become insolvent or bankrupt, (b) descend to or vest in the heirs, legatees or devisees of any member, or (c) be transferable or assignable in any form, either by the voluntary or involuntary act of any member, or by operation of law. In the event of the death, insolvency or bankruptcy of any member or of any such attempted transfer or assignment of membership, or of any interest of any member in this Association, or any of the assets thereof, whether by the voluntary act of the member or otherwise, such membership and all interest of any such member in this Association, and all assets thereof, shall be automatically canceled, revoked, and terminated.

ARTICLE II

OFFICE AND MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1—Office

The principal office for the transaction of the business of the Association is hereby fixed and located at No. 1925 Wilshire Boulevard, in the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Councilors, by a two-thirds affirmative vote of each thereof may, upon written resolutions signed by at least twenty-five (25) active members, change said principal office from one location to another in the said City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Section 2—Other Offices

Branch or subordinate offices may at any time be established by the Board of Trustees at any place or places within the said County of Los Angeles.

Section 3—Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Thursday of December of each year at eight

o'clock p. m. of said day; provided, however, that should said day fall upon a legal holiday, then said meeting shall be held at said time and place on the next day thereafter ensuing not a holiday. All elective officers shall be elected at the annual meeting to take office as of January 1 of the succeeding year. Notice of the annual meeting shall be published in the official publication at least once prior to the date of meeting.

Section 4—General Meetings

General meetings of the Association shall be held at such times and in such places in the County of Los Angeles as the Council shall direct, provided that not less than nine such meetings shall be held in any calendar year. Notice of the time and place of all general meetings shall be published at least once in the official publication of the Association not less than five days before the date of meeting.

Section 5—Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the President at any time and shall be called by the President upon the request of the Trustees or the Council or upon the written request of seventy-five active members. All calls for special meetings shall be in writing and filed in the office of the Association and state the purposes for which the meeting is called. Within three days after the filing of such call in the office of the Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall fix the date of such special meeting which shall be not less than ten days subsequent to the date of the filing of such call and shall cause written notice of such special meeting to be given by mail stating the time and place of the special meeting, by whom called and the purposes thereof as stated in the call, to each member of the Association. No business except that stated in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting. An entry in the minutes to the effect that notice has been duly given shall be conclusive and incontrovertible evidence that due notice of such special meeting was given to each member as required by law and the By-Laws of the Association.

ARTICLE III

TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AND DELEGATES

Section 1—Officers

The Trustees and Officers of this Association shall be: President and Trustee, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee, Trustees, and Councilors.

Section 2—Election and Terms of Trustees and Officers

(a) The President and Trustee, the Vice-President, and the Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee shall be elected annually by the active members of the Association, to serve for one year or until their successors shall have been elected and take office.

(b) In addition to the President and Trustee, and the Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee, five (5) Trustees shall be elected for terms of five (5) years or until their respective successors shall have been elected and take office. One of said Trustees shall be elected annually.

(c) Councilors shall be elected for terms of three (3) years or until their successors shall have been elected and take office, by the active members of the Association, as provided for in these By-Laws. Seven (7) Councilors shall be elected each year.

Section 3—Delegates and Alternates to the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association

Delegates and alternates to the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association shall be elected by the Council in such number, have the powers and duties, and serve for the terms as provided by the present Constitution and By-Laws of the California Medical Association and as such may be amended.

ARTICLE IV

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1—Qualifications of Members of Board

The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) members, each of whom is and has been an active member of this Association continuously for ten or more years immediately preceding his election. The Trustee who is also

elected the President and Trustee and the Trustee who is also elected the Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee, shall have the powers and duties of the offices of President and Secretary-Treasurer in addition to their powers and duties as Trustees.

The Board of Trustees at its first meeting after the adoption of these By-Laws, shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman each to serve one (1) year and until their successors are elected, and thereafter a Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall be elected at the regular meeting of the Board held in January of each year. The Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee shall act as and be the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2—Regular Meetings

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the second Thursday of each month at the hour of 12 o'clock noon at the office of the Association. Two days' written notice of the time and place of such meetings shall be sent by the Secretary-Treasurer by way of reminder to each Trustee, but failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of any action taken by a quorum of the Board at such regular meeting. If said day for such regular meeting falls upon a holiday, then said meeting shall be held at said hour on the first business day thereafter. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent Trustees if the time and place be fixed at the meeting adjourned. Four (4) members of the Board of Trustees shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3—Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called at any time by the Chairman or by three or more of the Trustees. Such call shall be in writing, signed by the person or persons making the call, and shall state the purposes of the meeting and shall be filed in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary shall forthwith fix the day and hour for such meeting, allowing necessary time to give notice thereof. Written notice of such meeting, stating the place, day and hour, the purposes of the meeting, and by whom called, shall be given by the Secretary at least forty-eight hours prior to the time set for such meeting by leaving same at the registered address of each Trustee, or by enclosing the same in a sealed envelope and depositing it in the United States mail at Los Angeles, California, postage fully prepaid, addressed to him at the place where he usually receives mail, if such place be known to the Secretary; or, if such place be not so known to the Secretary, then such notice shall be so mailed to him at Los Angeles, California. No other notice of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees need be given. An entry of the service of notice of a special meeting of the Board of Trustees given in the manner above provided, shall be made in the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Trustees, and such entry shall be conclusive and incontrovertible evidence that due notice of such special meeting was given to each Trustee as required by law and the By-Laws of this Association.

Section 4—Place of Meetings

All meetings of the Board of Trustees, regular and special, shall be held at the office of the Association.

Section 5—Waiver of Notice

The transaction of any business at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, however called and noticed, shall be as valid as though transacted at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present and if either before or after the meeting each of the Trustees not present signs a written waiver of notice or a consent to the holding of such meeting and an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed in the Association records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

Section 6—Powers of the Board of Trustees

Subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and these By-Laws, the Board of Trustees shall be vested with full and complete power and authority to manage, control, use, invest, reinvest, lease, make contracts in respect of and concerning, convey in trust, sell or otherwise dispose of any or all property and assets of whatever kind or nature owned by this Association; to fix the amount of initiation fees; to fix the amount of the annual per capita

assessment of dues upon the active and associate members; and to levy special assessments.

The Board of Trustees may formulate rules governing the expenditure of moneys to meet the necessary running expenses and fixed charges of the Association, but no transaction, resolution or other act involving the expenditure of moneys, credit or property shall be valid unless approved by the affirmative vote of at least four (4) members of the Board. Every vote on appropriation resolutions must be recorded by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 7—Powers of Board: Appropriations and Expenditures

No individual, committee, other official body or group within the Association shall appropriate, expend, or use for any purpose, moneys or other assets belonging to the Association or incur any indebtedness in the name of the Association, without first making specific request in writing and receiving the approval of the Board of Trustees.

Section 8—Annual Report to Association

The Board of Trustees, through the Secretary-Treasurer, shall make an annual report of the financial status of the Association at the annual meeting of the Association and to the Council at its December meeting, and at such other times as the Council may request. The certified financial audit of receipts and disbursements shall be printed annually in at least one issue of the official publication of the Association.

Section 9—Disqualification of Trustees for Nonattendance

Absence of a Trustee from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board of Trustees without an excuse satisfactory to the Council shall be interpreted as and shall constitute a resignation from the Board of Trustees. Upon receiving written notice from the Secretary-Treasurer of such unexcused absence the Council shall proceed to elect a Trustee to serve until the next annual election to fill that portion of the unexpired term of the Trustee so considered as having resigned.

Section 10—Appointment of Assistant Secretary and Other Employees

The Board of Trustees may appoint and fix the compensation of an Assistant Secretary (who need not be a member of the Association) who shall act under the immediate supervision of the Secretary-Treasurer. The Board of Trustees may appoint and fix the compensation of such other aids, clerks and other employees, as it deems necessary, giving each such title as may be deemed proper.

The Board of Trustees may appoint one or more legal advisors and shall indicate what duties shall be assigned to each advisor and shall fix the amounts of their retainers and fees.

ARTICLE V

THE COUNCIL

Section 1—Membership of Council

The Council shall consist of twenty-four (24) members. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be members of the Council, and in addition there shall be twenty-one (21) councilors. The offices of the councilors shall be numbered from one (1) to twenty-one (21) inclusive. The incumbents of councilorships numbered six (6), seven (7), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21), must reside and have their principal places of practice outside of the 1937 city limits of Los Angeles. Thirteen (13) members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2—Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman—Secretary-Treasurer to Be Secretary

The Council at its regular January meeting of each calendar year shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its members to serve for a term of one (1) year. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall act as and be the Secretary of the Council.

Section 3—Regular Meetings

The Council shall hold a regular meeting on the first Monday of each month at the office of the Association. Written notice of the time and place of such meetings shall be mailed or delivered by the Secretary-Treasurer to each Councilor. Notice of the time and place of holding an ad-

journed meeting need not be given to absent Councilors if the time and place be fixed at the meeting adjourned.

Section 4—Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Council may be called by the Chairman at any time and shall be called by him upon the written request of any thirteen (13) Councilors. All calls for special meetings shall be in writing and filed in the office of the Association and state the purposes for which the meeting is called. Within twenty-four hours after the filing of such call in the office of the Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall fix the date of such special meeting, which shall be not less than two (2) days subsequent to the date of the filing of such call, and shall cause written notice of such special meeting to be given by mail to each Councilor, stating the time and place of the special meeting, by whom called, and the purposes thereof as stated in the call. No business except that stated in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting. Whenever any Councilor has been absent from any special meeting of the Council an entry in the minutes to the effect that notice has been duly given shall be conclusive and incontrovertible evidence that due notice of such special meeting was given to such Councilor as required by law and by the By-Laws of the Association.

Section 5—Waiver of Notice

The transaction of any business at any meeting of the Council, however called and noticed, shall be as valid as though transacted at a meeting duly held after regular call and notice, if a quorum be present and if, either before or after the meeting, each of the Councilors not present signs a written waiver of notice or a consent to holding such meeting and an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents and approvals shall be filed in the Association records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

Section 6—Duties of Chairman of the Council

The Chairman of the Council shall preside at all meetings of the Council. In the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman of the Council shall preside. The Chairman of the Council each year shall appoint the chairmen of the standing committees for the said year, subject to the approval of the Council, unless otherwise provided for in these By-Laws.

Section 7—Council Final Judge of Applicants for Membership

The Council shall act upon all applications for membership as provided in the By-Laws and shall be the final judge of the eligibility of any applicant for membership.

Section 8—Nomination of Candidates

The Council at its regular October meeting of each calendar year shall nominate from the active membership of the Association the following:

- (a) A candidate for the office of President and Trustee;
- (b) A candidate for the office of Vice-President;
- (c) A candidate for the office of Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee;

- (d) A candidate for one of the five (5) additional Trustees to be elected for a five (5) year term;

- (e) Seven (7) candidates for the offices of Councilor to serve terms of three (3) years each. At least two (2) of these seven (7) candidates shall reside and have their principal place of practice outside the 1937 city limits of Los Angeles.

Section 9—Vacancies to Be Filled

The Council shall elect an eligible active member to serve until the next annual election, to fill any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees or the Council and any vacancy in any office not otherwise provided for in the By-Laws.

Section 10—Appointment of Standing Committees

The Council, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws, shall appoint the members of the Standing Committees of the Association.

Section 11—Powers and Duties of the Council

The Council shall supervise the administration of the scientific and educational work of the Association and in it shall be vested full power with respect to matters of public

policy. The Council shall be the disciplinary body of the Association and it shall be vested with full power over all matters relating to scientific and organized medicine and ethical conduct. It shall aid and assist the committees in the performance of their several functions and carry out other duties as set forth in these By-Laws and such as may be referred to it by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI

DUTIES OF PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND SECRETARY-TREASURER

Section 1—Duties of the President

The President shall preside at all of the meetings of the Association and of the Committee on The State of the Association and shall perform such other duties as these By-Laws and custom and parliamentary usage require. He shall be ex officio a member of the Council and of all committees.

Section 2—Duties of the Vice-President

The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of his duties and, in the absence of the President, shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of the President's death, disability, resignation or removal, the Vice-President shall succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term. The Vice-President shall be ex officio a member of the Council.

Section 3—Duties of the Secretary-Treasurer

(a) The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Association, of the Council and of the Trustees, and shall keep minutes of their respective proceedings in separate record books. He shall be ex officio a member of the Council and of all committees. He shall be custodian of the seal of the Association.

(b) The Secretary-Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds of the Association and shall keep account of the same. He shall demand and receive all funds due the Association and shall give proper receipt therefor. He shall receive all bequests and donations made to the Association and shall keep adequate records thereof and make disposition of them as directed by the Board of Trustees. He shall deposit the funds of the Association in such commercial or savings banks as shall be designated by the Board of Trustees as depositories of the Association or make such other disposition of the funds as shall be ordered by the Board of Trustees. He shall pay out of the funds in his custody the expenses of the Association as authorized by the Board of Trustees. At least once each month he shall remit to the California Medical Association the annual assessment as levied by that organization and collected from the members.

(c) He shall submit his accounts to such examination as may be required by the Board of Trustees and at least once each year his books and accounts shall be audited by a certified public accountant selected by the Board of Trustees. He shall render to the Board of Trustees a monthly report in writing of the state of funds in his hands.

(d) The Secretary-Treasurer shall render to the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting a report, in writing, of his activities and of the state of the funds in his hands, which report shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Association. He shall make such other reports, in writing, as the Board of Trustees may request. The Secretary-Treasurer shall submit monthly to those committees that have supervision of funds in their activities, statements of the condition of such funds.

(e) He shall be Chairman of the Program Committee and he shall arrange the program for each general meeting of the Association and announce the same in the official publication of the Association, which he shall edit and cause to be mailed to each member.

(f) He shall keep a membership book, containing the name and address of each member of the Association, and shall also maintain a list of all nonsectarian Doctors of Medicine registered in the County of Los Angeles. He shall record in such membership book all cases of termination of membership and the date on which membership ceased.

(g) The Secretary-Treasurer and such employees as the Board of Trustees may see fit shall be placed under surety bonds at the expense of the Association in amounts to be determined by the Board of Trustees before assumption of duties of office.

ARTICLE VII

ELECTIONS

Section 1(A)—Nominations for Office

The Council holding office at its first meeting after the adoption of these By-Laws, in order to retain in office until their terms expire members who have been elected to fill certain positions, shall nominate, from the active membership, the following:

- (a) A President and Trustee.
- (b) A Vice-President.
- (c) A Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee.

(d) Three (3) additional Trustees as follows: One (1) for five (5) years; one (1) for four (4) years; and one (1) for three (3) years. At its October, 1938, meeting no nominations shall be made for the Board of Trustees. At its October, 1939, meeting it shall nominate one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of four (4) years, and one (1) member to the Board of Trustees for a term of five (5) years. Thereafter, one (1) Trustee shall be nominated annually by the Council to serve five (5) years.

(e) The Council shall designate councilorship numbers one (1), two (2), and six (6) to those incumbents whose terms of office expire at the end of 1938, and numbers eight (8), nine (9) and thirteen (13) to those incumbents whose terms of office expire at the end of 1939.

Councilorship numbers six (6) and thirteen (13) shall be given to those incumbents residing and having their principal places of practice outside the 1937 city limits of Los Angeles.

The Council shall then nominate fifteen (15) Councilors to serve as follows: In Councilorship numbers three (3), four (4), five (5), and seven (7) for one (1) year; in Councilorship numbers ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12) and fourteen (14), for two (2) years, and in Councilorship numbers fifteen (15), sixteen (16), seventeen (17), eighteen (18), nineteen (19), twenty (20) and twenty-one (21) for three (3) years. Thereafter seven (7) Councilors shall be nominated annually to serve terms of three (3) years.

Nominees for Councilorships numbered six (6), seven (7), thirteen (13), fourteen (14), twenty (20), and twenty-one (21) shall at all times be members whose residence and principal places of practice shall be outside the 1937 city limits of Los Angeles.

Section 1(B)—Nominations for Office

At each succeeding regular October meeting, as provided in these By-Laws, the Council shall nominate the following:

- (a) A President and Trustee.
- (b) A Vice-President.
- (c) A Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee.

(d) One (1) additional Trustee (except as provided for in Section 1(A) of this Article; and

(e) Seven (7) Councilors to serve for three (3) years as provided for in these By-Laws.

The names of all persons so nominated by the Council shall be printed in the first issue of the official publication for said month of November and shall be read at the general meeting of the Association in said month. At that meeting the President shall call for additional nominations from the floor for all of said offices; such nominations can be made only with the written consent of the member so nominated, submitted with a written nominating petition signed by fifteen (15) active members. A member nominating another member for the office of Councilor from the floor must state the name of the nominee, his place of residence and principal place of practice, the particular number of the councilorship for which the name is placed in nomination, and such nominee must have the residential and other requirements contained in the By-Laws. For each office for which there is only one nominee, the name of that nominee shall be placed upon the printed ballot and he shall be declared elected at the annual (December) meeting of the Association.

Section 2—Date of Election

The election of the President and Trustee, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee, Trustees, and Councilors shall be held on the day of the annual meeting of the Association in December.

Section 3—First Election After Adoption of By-Laws

At the first annual meeting of the Association to be held after the adoption of these By-Laws, the following shall be elected: (a) A President and Trustee; (b) A Vice-President; (c) A Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee; (d) Three (3) additional Trustees as provided for in these By-Laws; (e) Fifteen (15) Councilors as provided in these By-Laws.

Said President and Trustee, said Vice-President, and said Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee shall serve for the term of one year and until their respective successors shall be appointed or elected and take office. Thereafter, as provided in these By-Laws, a President and Trustee, a Vice-President, and a Secretary-Treasurer and Trustee, Trustees, and Councilors shall be elected annually.

Section 4—Official Ballot

In the event of a contest for any office, the Secretary-Treasurer shall send to every member of the Association entitled to vote an official ballot not less than ten (10) days preceding the election day in December.

On each ballot shall be printed the names of the nominees for each office to be voted upon by the members of the Association entitled to vote. After the name or names of each nominee or nominees as printed in the official ballot, shall be placed a square in which the voter shall make a cross opposite the name of the nominee for whom he wishes to vote. Any ballot marked for more nominees for an office than there are places to be filled shall not be counted for any of the nominees for the office thus marked.

Section 5—Procedure of Voting

The Secretary-Treasurer shall mail an official ballot and two official envelopes with instructions to each qualified voter, not less than ten (10) days preceding the election.

A member voting must write his name on the outside of the official outside envelope which shall contain his ballot sealed in the official inside envelope. The official outside envelope shall remain sealed until the voter's name has been checked off the list of qualified voters by the Secretary-Treasurer, and when opened, the sealed official inside envelope containing the ballot shall remain sealed and so be deposited in the official ballot-box. Such ballot must be delivered, personally or by mail, at the polls before the hour of 5 p. m., on the day of the election. The sealed inside envelope containing the ballot shall not be opened or the ballot counted until after the official closing of the polls.

If the member voting writes his name or makes any other marks or symbols by which he could be identified, either upon the official inside envelope or upon the ballot therein contained, that ballot shall not be counted.

Section 6—Polling Place

The polling place shall be the office of the Association. The polls shall be open between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. on the date of the election.

Section 7—Procedure of Counting Votes

The Committee on Elections shall have a list of the qualified voters, and the name of each person voting must be checked off on that list. A suitable ballot-box shall be provided by the Secretary-Treasurer, in which all sealed envelopes containing the ballots shall be deposited and the same shall not be opened before the closing of the polls. After the polls are closed the Committee on Elections shall proceed with the canvass of the vote and shall make out a correct tally sheet which shall state the number of votes received by each of the candidates. The ballots properly sealed, and the tally sheet duly certified by each member of the Committee on Elections, shall be given to the President, who shall announce the result of the election at the annual meeting in December. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected. In case two or more candidates for any office receive an equal number of votes, election shall be determined by lot between such candidates. The ballots and tally sheet shall be kept on file for one year in the office of the Association and the tally sheet shall be open to inspection by any member entitled to vote.

Section 8—Election of Delegates and Alternates

The delegates and alternates to the California Medical Association shall be elected by the Council in conformity

with the Constitution and By-Laws of the California Medical Association.

ARTICLE VIII

FUNDS AND ASSESSMENTS

Section 1—Annual Assessment of Dues

(a) The Board of Trustees, at its November meeting each year, shall fix the amount of the annual per capita assessment of dues for the ensuing year upon the active and associate members, which shall include the per capita assessment of dues for membership in the California Medical Association for the ensuing year.

Section 2—Payment of Dues

(a) Annual dues shall be due and payable on or before January 1 of the year for which they are levied and must be paid on or before April 1 of such year.

(b) If the dues, or any part thereof, of a member remain unpaid after April 1 of any year, the membership of such member shall cease automatically as of the due date of the indebtedness.

(c) A member losing membership because of nonpayment of dues may reapply for membership at any time.

(d) In a May issue of each year of the official publication shall be printed a list of those members whose membership has automatically terminated by reason of nonpayment of dues, under the heading "List of Those Whose Membership Has Terminated for Nonpayment of Dues for Current Year." Said publication shall be notification to all persons so listed that they are no longer in good standing or entitled to the rights, privileges or benefits of membership in the Association.

Section 3—Special Assessments

Funds may be raised by special assessment or in any other manner approved by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4—Waiver of Dues in Certain Cases

United States Medical Reserve officers and Red Cross officers who are called to active service shall, during the period of such active service, retain membership in this Association, without the payment of dues of this Association, other than their per capita assessment of dues for membership in the California Medical Association.

Section 5—Initiation Fees

The Board of Trustees shall fix the amount of the initiation fee for each class of membership, and the amount so fixed shall be payable as a condition to admission to membership in this Association.

ARTICLE IX

SECTIONS AND BRANCHES

Section 1—Purposes, Formation, and Membership

Scientific Sections or geographical branches may be formed for the presentation, discussion, and the study of matters pertaining to the science and art of medicine. Each section or branch shall be permitted to arrange the time and place for holding its meetings, provided that the time does not conflict with the general meeting of the Association. New sections or branches may be created or existing sections or branches discontinued by the Council, provided that no existing section or branch at time of adoption of these By-Laws shall be discontinued by the Council without proper hearing and a two-thirds vote of the Council in favor thereof. No person shall be an active member of any section or branch with the right to vote who is not a member of the Association. Associate and other types of members of sections and branches is permissible, provided that unless they are nonsectarian Doctors of Medicine on active duty in the Federal service, they must be members of another component county medical society of the California Medical Association or other constituent state units of the American Medical Association.

Section 2—Officers and Authority

Each branch or section shall elect its officers from its own membership. No branch or section shall speak or assume any authority in the name of the Association. The Association shall not be liable for debts incurred by any section or branch. Each section and branch shall submit its Constitution and By-Laws or rules of government to the Council for approval.

ARTICLE X PUBLICATIONS

Section 1—Official Publication

The Association shall publish and distribute under the supervision of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, an official publication in the interests of the Association, and of its members, and other publications as may be approved by the Council and by the Board of Trustees. The official publication shall be published at least once a month and may be given such name as the Council may from time to time determine.

Section 2—Allocation of Dues

Fifty cents (\$.50) of the annual per capita dues levied shall be utilized for one year's subscription to the official publication of the Association in conformance with the United States postal regulations.

Section 3—Directory

A directory of all officers and members of all standing committees, except the Committee on Admissions, shall be printed in each issue of the official publication.

ARTICLE XI COMMITTEES

Section 1—Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of this Association shall be as follows:

1. A Committee on Admission
2. A Committee on Professional Conduct
3. A Committee on Elections
4. A Committee on Scientific Work and Programs
5. A Committee on Membership and Organization
6. A Committee on Public Policy and Relations
7. A Committee on Certified Milk Production and Distribution
8. A Committee on Library
9. A Committee on Legislation
10. A Committee on Telephone Directories, Listings and Service
11. A Committee on Medical Education, Associated Societies and Technical Groups
12. A Committee on Industrial, Contract and Insurance Practice
13. A Committee on Postgraduate Activities
14. A Committee on Medical Economics
15. A Committee on History and Obituaries
16. A Committee on Medical Defense
17. A Committee on Entertainment
18. A Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics
19. A Committee on Museum and Pathological Exhibits
20. A Committee on Relief and Fraternal Relations
21. A Committee on The State of the Association

New Standing Committees may be created or existing Standing Committees may be discontinued by action of the Council, subject to the approval of the Association at its annual meeting.

Each Standing Committee, with the exception of the Committee on Admission, the Committee on The State of the Association, and the Committee on Professional Conduct shall have the right to appoint an advisory committee of not more than ten (10) members, which committee, at the discretion of the Standing Committee, may be invited to meet in an advisory capacity without the right to vote.

All Standing Committees, with the exception of the Committee on Certified Milk Production and Distribution and the Committee on The State of the Association, shall consist of three (3) members, each of whom shall serve for a term of three (3) years; provided, however, that upon adoption of these By-Laws one (1) member of each of the foregoing committees shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years, one (1) member for two (2) years and one (1) member for one (1) year, their successors to be elected annually for terms of three (3) years.

The Chairman of the Council shall designate the chairmen of the various Standing Committees, subject to the approval of the Council, with the exception of (a) the Committee on Scientific Work and Programs, of which the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the chairman; (b) the Committee on Certified Milk Production and Distribution, which committee elects its own chairman and secretary,

subject to the approval of the Council; and (c) the Committee on The State of the Association, whose chairman is the President of the Association.

Section 2—Duties of Committees

(1) Committee on Admission

The Committee on Admission shall be a secret committee and its members shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Council and their identity shall be known only to the Chairman of the Council and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association, and they shall hold office during the calendar year of their appointment or until their successors are appointed. This committee shall investigate the credentials, records and qualifications of all applicants for all types of membership and shall make its written recommendations thereon to the Council.

(2) Committee on Professional Conduct

The Committee on Professional Conduct shall, upon order of the Council, investigate and attempt to arbitrate all matters of dispute, controversy, contention or grievance arising between members or between members and others. This committee shall report monthly to the Council, with recommendations on any ethical or other matters assigned to it for investigation or arbitration.

(3) Committee on Elections

The Committee on Elections shall serve as election tellers in all elections of the Association, as provided for in these By-Laws.

(4) Committee on Scientific Work and Programs

The Committee on Scientific Work and Programs, subject to the approval of the Council, shall arrange for the programs of the general meetings and scientific exhibits of the Association. The Secretary of the Association shall be the chairman of this committee.

(5) Committee on Membership and Organization

The Committee on Membership and Organization shall each year make a survey of the licensed Doctors of Medicine in Los Angeles County and shall endeavor to bring into membership all Doctors of Medicine who are eligible to membership. From time to time it shall report to the Council making such recommendations as are deemed proper.

(6) Committee on Public Policy and Relations

The Committee on Public Policy and Relations, through itself and associates whom it may appoint, subject to the approval of the Council, shall be alert to place before the public, by means of the radio, press and other agencies, information on topics relating to scientific and organized medicine. The Council also shall have power to do the same.

(7) Committee on Certified Milk Production and Distribution

(a) Composition. The Committee on Certified Milk Production and Distribution shall be known as the Milk Commission of The Los Angeles County Medical Association and shall consist of five (5) members. The committee shall have the right, subject to the approval of the Council, to appoint not more than ten (10) persons, who may or may not be members, to act as an advisory committee.

(b) Terms and Election. The five (5) members shall serve for five (5) years, one (1) retiring each year. To fill this vacancy the Council shall appoint annually at its January meeting a member of the Association who shall serve five (5) years; provided, however, that the Council shall appoint at the January Council meeting of the year 1939, one (1) member to serve five (5) years, one (1) to serve four (4) years, one (1) to serve three (3) years, one (1) to serve two (2) years, one (1) to serve one (1) year, and thereafter their successors to be appointed by the Council annually for a term of five years.

(c) Organization and Election. At the organization meeting of this committee in January of each year, the committee shall elect from their number a chairman and a secretary. All members of the Committee shall serve without salary.

(d) Duties of Committee. The duties of the Committee shall be to supervise the production and distribution of certified milk in Los Angeles County.

(e) Budget. This committee will operate on a budget approved by the Board of Trustees, and shall make monthly reports on its activities and financial status to the Board of Trustees. It shall also make quarterly reports to the Council. All assets of this committee shall belong to the Association and shall be under the control of the Board of Trustees.

(8) Committee on Library

The Committee on the Library shall be responsible for the maintenance and the development of the library of the Association, and on fiscal matters shall be subject to the instructions and approval of the Board of Trustees.

(9) Committee on Legislation

The Committee on Legislation, subject to the approval of the Council, shall represent the Association in securing and enforcing legislation in the interest of public health and scientific medicine. As one of its duties, it shall maintain in the Secretary-Treasurer's office an organization plan arranged by Assembly and other districts to better secure the cooperation of members in its work.

(10) Committee on Telephone Directories, Listings and Service

The Committee on Telephone Directories, Listings and Service, subject to the approval of the Council, shall make surveys of telephone directories and investigations of telephone listings and service and make its recommendation to the Council.

(11) Committee on Medical Education, Associated Societies and Technical Groups

The Committee on Medical Education, Associated Societies and Technical Groups shall, subject to the instructions of the Council, endeavor to create proper liaisons between this Association and other recognized medical organizations as well as with the organizations of related professions such as dentistry, pharmacy, and nursing, and it shall also endeavor to bring about a proper understanding with nonmedical organizations or groups of technicians and others whose work has a bearing on or is related to the practice of medicine.

(12) Committee on Industrial, Contract and Insurance Practice

The Committee on Industrial, Contract and Insurance Practice shall keep in touch with matters and problems peculiarly connected with these types of practices and keep proper records thereon, and shall report their findings and make their recommendations to the Council.

(13) Committee on Postgraduate Activities

The Committee on Postgraduate Activities, subject to the approval of the Council and to the Board of Trustees, shall use its best efforts to promote postgraduate and clinical courses of instruction for members of the Association. This committee shall cooperate with the Committee on Postgraduate Activity of the California Medical Association, and with constituted medical schools, hospitals or other organizations doing such work.

(14) Committee on Medical Economics

The Committee on Medical Economics, subject to instruction from the Council, shall investigate and study problems pertaining to medical economics in general and with particular reference to Los Angeles County conditions and report its findings to the Council.

(15) Committee on History and Obituaries

The Committee on History and Obituaries shall compile and prepare for the archives and for the publications of the Association, suitable articles on the history of the Association and obituaries of deceased members, but in the purchase of memorabilia it shall expend only such moneys as approved by the Board of Trustees.

(16) Committee on Medical Defense

The Committee on Medical Defense, upon instruction of the Council, shall prepare plans and establish rules for the protection of the legal rights of members of this Association. It shall perform such other duties relating to legal matters of interest to the Association and its members as the Council and Board of Trustees may direct.

(17) Committee on Entertainment

The Committee on Entertainment shall cooperate with the Committee on Scientific Work and Programs and shall arrange for all meetings and parts of meetings of the Association in so far as the same are social in character.

(18) Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics

The Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics shall keep in touch with problems arising in the field of work of all types of hospitals, dispensaries and clinics, giving special attention to those activities that are, or tend to become a menace to the best interests of scientific medicine and the profession and its members. It shall maintain in the Secretary-Treasurer's office as complete and comprehensive information as may be deemed advisable.

(19) Committee on Museum and Pathological Exhibits

The Committee on Museum and Pathological Exhibits shall be responsible for the proper care and maintenance of exhibits in the rooms set aside for that purpose. It shall be subject to instructions from the Council, and its financial transactions must have the approval of the Board of Trustees.

(20) Committee on Relief and Fraternal Relations

The Council shall outline from time to time certain policies and duties which shall be executed by the Committee on Relief and Fraternal Relations, subject to the favorable recommendations of the Council and approval of the Board of Trustees.

(21) Committee on the State of the Association

(a) Composition and Meetings. The General officers of the Association, Board of Trustees, Council, and the Executive groups of all Standing and Special Committees and the Presidents and Secretaries of all Branches and Scientific Sections shall constitute a Committee on The State of the Association. This committee shall hold two (2) regular meetings each year, one in May and the other in October, at such place and time as the Council may designate. Additional special meetings may be called by the Council at any time, and at each meeting the chairman of each body or committee represented shall give a progress report on behalf of his committee or group.

(b) Officers. The President of the Association shall be the chairman and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be the Secretary of the Committee on The State of the Association.

ARTICLE XII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1—Referendum

(a) A general or special meeting of the Association may, by a two-thirds vote of those present, order a general referendum, by mail, upon any question pending before or acted upon by the Board of Trustees or the Council, provided that not less than one-fifth of all the active members of the Association are present at such a special or general meeting; and when so ordered the Board of Trustees or the Council shall submit any such question to the membership of the Association for a final vote. A majority of the votes thus cast (unless otherwise provided by law) shall bind the Board of Trustees or the Council on the question so submitted to the membership. The Board of Trustees may, in like manner, order such a general referendum on any question pending before or acted upon by the Board of Trustees or the Council.

(b) Voting on Referendum. The Board of Trustees or the Council shall prescribe and determine the form of the question, matter or proposition so referred to the active members of the Association, and the time within which such vote shall be cast. Said vote shall be otherwise had and taken in the manner prescribed for contested elections.

Section 2—Rules of Order

The current edition of Roberts' "Rules of Order" (when not in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of this Association) shall be the parliamentary guide for procedure at general meetings, and the meetings of the Association, and all meetings of the Board of Trustees, Council, and any other committees or groups within the Association.

Section 3—Amendments

(a) These By-Laws and any articles or sections thereof or any part of any thereof may be amended or repealed or new By-Laws adopted by an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote.

(b) Any amendment or amendments or the repeal of any article or articles, section or sections thereof or any part of any thereof, may be proposed by resolution of the Board of Trustees or the Council, adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than a majority of all of the members thereof.

(c) After the adoption of any such resolution by the Board of Trustees or the Council providing for any such amendment or amendments or the repeal of any article or articles, section or sections thereof or any part of any thereof or for the adoption of any new by-law or by-laws, the Board of Trustees or the Council shall cause said proposed amendment or amendments or repeal or any new by-law or by-laws to be published in the official publication of the Association at least twice. Said proposed amendment or repeal or new by-law shall then be submitted by the Board of Trustees to the members of the Association entitled to vote, either at the next annual meeting of the Association or at any special meeting called for that purpose or by mail ballot. If a majority of all of the members of the Association entitled to vote cast their votes in favor of the adoption of any such amendment or amendments or new by-law or by-laws or of such repeal, these by-laws shall thereupon be amended accordingly.

(d) These by-laws and any articles or sections thereof or any part of any thereof may be amended or repealed or new by-laws adopted by the written assent of a majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote. Upon the filing of such written assent with the Secretary-Treasurer in the office of the Association, the Secretary-Treasurer shall certify to such amendment, repeal or new by-law so adopted and that the same has been adopted by a majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote.

Section 4—Repeal of Existing By-Laws

All articles and all sections and all parts of all articles and of all sections of the By-Laws of this Association existing at the time of the adoption of these By-Laws are hereby expressly repealed.

These by-laws shall supersede all existing by-laws and become effective:

(a) If adopted by the written assents of the members entitled to vote, immediately after receipt by the Secretary-Treasurer of written assents of a majority of the members of the Association entitled to vote; or

(b) If adopted by the vote of members, immediately after the announcement of the result of a vote taken at a regular or special meeting of the Association; provided that a majority of the members of the Association cast their votes in favor of the adoption of these by-laws; or

(c) If adopted pursuant to the method set forth in Article XIV, Section 3, of the existing By-Laws, immediately after the announcement of the result of a vote taken on the day of the annual meeting or at any special meeting called for that purpose; provided that notice and publication has been duly given and made as required by said Article XIV, Section 3, and that a majority of the membership cast their votes in favor of the adoption of these by-laws.

All officers holding office when these by-laws become effective shall complete the terms for which they were elected under the previously existing by-laws.

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ADDENDUM

COPY OF LETTER FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ON A PROPOSED REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

To Members of the Los Angeles County Medical Association:

For the information of members, the following comments are made:

(1) A fact of importance that must not be forgotten is that the Los Angeles County Medical Association is a corporation, and, as a corporation, is subject in every particular to the laws of California concerning nonprofit corporations, as outlined in the Civil Code of the State.

In the proposed revision, trustees (directors) will hereafter be elected, not by the Board of Councilors, but by the majority vote of the members of the Association. The law is specific on this point.

Other changes referring to the Board of Trustees, in whom, by law, the corporate, or material, interests are vested, are such as will make for perpetuation of policy and full safeguarding of the assets of the Association, a corporation.

(2) In the Council (Board of Councilors) is placed the determination of policy in matters medical (from both the scientific and organization standpoints). By "staggering" the terms of office, with seven men going in annually, each for three-year terms, this Council of twenty-four members (twenty-one elected members, plus the president, vice-president, and the secretary-treasurer), should be able to establish and maintain needed policies. It is specifically provided that each year at least two of the councilors elected must live and have their principal places of practice outside the 1937 city limits of Los Angeles, so that at no time would there be less than six members from outside the city.

Provisions are made for additional nominations of all officers from the floor at a general meeting.

(3) A large number of new committees (twenty-one in all) are provided, whose members likewise will have three-year terms, one member going out each year. These committees, it is anticipated, will stimulate active interest in the work of the Association on the part of a much larger number of members who are anxious to do their bit on behalf of scientific and organized medicine. It is provided also that all committees, together with the general officers and the chairmen and secretaries of the Sections and branches, shall meet twice yearly as a "Committee on The State of the Association" to discuss the work and needs of the Association and its subdivisions.

(4) The Disciplinary Code is revised so as to conform with that of the California Medical Association. . . .

(5) The Scientific Sections and geographical branches of the Association will continue as heretofore, with full authority to govern their own meetings and interests.

(6) A perusal of the revision will show that the remaining portions are taken either from the present By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Medical Association or the California Medical Association.

(7) In Article VII of the proposed by-laws, provision is made to retain in office until the expiration of the terms to which they were elected, all present officers. Upon the expiration of the aforesaid terms, the regular procedure as provided in these By-Laws will be followed.

(8) Article VIII provides that the annual dues shall be levied by the Board of Trustees, as in the existing By-Laws.

(9) The Committee wishes to express to Mr. Hartley F. Peart, the general counsel of the California Medical Association, its thanks and great appreciation for his efficient services and advice in passing on the many legal questions involved in the revision of these By-Laws.

(10) In conclusion, the undersigned committee begs leave to state that its members have held many meetings, discussing the changes submitted, and that these revisions represent the decisions reached after two years of considered thought. . . .

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE BY-LAWS.

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Harry H. Wilson, M.D.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board of Councilors by unanimous vote at its regular meeting on July 12, 1937:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Revision of the By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, since its appointment two years ago, and after many meetings and careful study of the existing by-laws, has submitted to the Board of Councilors its report, with a revision that incorporates the basic form of organization that has long been existent in the Los Angeles County Medical Association, but has also added thereto provisions designed for the years to

come, to safeguard and promote the material, scientific and organization interests of the Association; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Board of Councilors accepts the report of the committee, and approves in principle the changes that have been submitted; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Revision is instructed to prepare the revision for publication in the bulletin of the Association and to use all proper endeavor to secure as full a vote as may be possible, when the ballots on its adoption are sent out to the members of the Association.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Councilors then, by unanimous vote, formally ordered the revision of the By-Laws to be submitted to the membership for vote as provided for in Article XIV, Sections 1 to 4, of the present By-Laws.

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The Board of Councilors at a special meeting on August 23, 1937, upon motion duly made and seconded, set Monday, October 25, 1937, at 7:30 p. m., as the time for the special meeting of the Association to receive the report and action on the ballot on the revision of the By-Laws.

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NOTICE

In accordance with Article XIV, Sections 1 to 4, of the present By-Laws of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the members are notified that the proposed revision of the same, which follows, will in due time be submitted to the members for their written assent thereto or vote thereon. The proposed revision will be printed twice in the official bulletin of the Association. All ballots must be received at the office of the Association, 1925 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, prior to 5 p. m. on Monday, October 25, 1937.

THE LURE OF MEDICAL HISTORY†

THE CLINICAL CAREER OF JAMES BLAKE (1815-1893)

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THE extraordinary scientific career of James Blake, M. D. (1815-1893), California's first great scientist, has been indicated by a brief discussion in Dr. Henry Harris' *California Medical Story* (San Francisco, 1932). The amazing versatility of the man, combined with his modesty and the romantic mystery regarding his reasons for ever coming to California, led Doctor Harris to refer to him as a character of the sort typified in *Lord Jim* and *Arrowsmith*. Blake gave up what was obviously destined to be a brilliant scientific and medical career in London to come to St. Louis in 1847, and from there he migrated to Sacramento in 1850. He engaged at once in clinical practice, and as soon as medical journals began to appear in California he contributed clinically with as much skill and versatility as he showed in science gener-

†A Twenty-Five Years Ago column, made up of excerpts from the official journal of the California Medical Association of twenty-five years ago, is printed in each issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. The column is one of the regular features of the Miscellany department, and its page number will be found on the front cover.

*Part of a lecture given in Toland Hall, University of California Medical School, San Francisco, in the series on the history of the institution, arranged by the Division of the History of Medicine.

This is Paper II of the series. For other articles in the symposium, see CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, November, 1937, on page 321.

ally. In science it may be recalled that he was the West's first great geologist, an analytical chemist of great skill, a pioneer meteorologist, a zoölogist of distinction, an anthropologist, and a great intellectual pioneer in physiology and pharmacology.

BLAKE IN ENGLAND

Before leaving England, Blake had demonstrated his interest and acumen in clinical medicine. He had become a member of the Royal College of Surgeons by 1842, and also a Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society. His remarkable physiological experiments on the action of various drugs and salts had already aroused much interest. His first clinical contribution appeared in 1839, and is so interesting and significant that it is quoted here in full. It came as a letter to the editor of *The Lancet*, dated from University College, February 23, 1839, and was published in the March 9, 1839, issue of that journal, in reply to a reference by Liston to some of Blake's work published in a previous number.

To the Editor of *The Lancet*.

Sir: In the report of a clinical lecture, delivered by Mr. Liston at the University College Hospital, which appeared in your Journal of February 2nd, I find it stated that, in alluding to some experiments I had performed on the obliteration of veins in animals, Mr. Liston observed, "that I had found the blood in the veins coagulated sixteen hours after the introduction of the needles." I would remark, however, that not only was the blood coagulated after the needles had remained in that time (a phenomenon which, probably, takes place much earlier), but that, on killing the animal some days afterwards, the vein was perfectly obliterated, owing to the contraction of the vessel around the coagulum. Such was the substance of the remarks made by Mr. Liston; but which, owing to an error of your reporter, have been misstated.

I have not published any account of these experiments, not having had an opportunity of verifying my observations on the human body; and it is very probable, as Mr. Liston observes, that the veins in the human subject might not be so readily obliterated as in dogs. The subject, I think, is one worthy the attention of the profession, as any proceeding which tends to lessen the irritation produced in causing the obliteration of varicose veins must be of decided advantage, owing to the violent inflammation which often follows even slight injuries when occurring in a part which is the seat of this diseased state of the vessels.

From the result of my experiments I should conclude, that by arresting the circulation in the vessel for a few hours (twelve or sixteen); by passing a couple of needles under it and the twisted suture; and by the application of gentle external pressure, the slight degree of irritation, thus produced, will be sufficient to cause such an effusion of lymph and serum in the sheath of the vessel as to lead to its permanent obliteration. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant.

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University College, February 23, 1839.

It is amazing that Blake should have so early considered the problem of the obliteration of varicose veins in so sound and rational a manner. Here is a problem which, ninety-eight years later, is still under considerable discussion.

BLAKE'S CALIFORNIA CAREER

After the long journey over the plains from St. Louis, on which Blake later relates that he encountered much cholera, he apparently settled into the strenuous frontier medical practice of the California Gold Rush. The first medical journal in California appeared in 1856. Blake at once began to write for it, contributing articles reflecting his